

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Doug Harbin of Tazewell.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Doug Harbin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harbin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and alacrity for twenty-eight years as Tazewell City Recorder, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Doug Harbin was born on November 18, 1941, in Morristown, the oldest of nine children; and

WHEREAS, he lived in Morristown until February of 1959, when he joined the United States Army and served with the Army Military Police in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harbin was honorably discharged on April 2, 1962, and in 1966, he became a trooper for the Tennessee Highway Patrol and worked in Claiborne County; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, he met Jean Brooks at Stanley's Drive-in, where she was employed at the time; and

WHEREAS, the couple was joined in holy matrimony on February 4, 1967, and made their home in Tazewell, where Mr. Harbin resided for the remainder of his life; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, Doug Harbin resigned from the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and went to work as Chief Deputy for Claiborne County Sheriff George Malone; he also worked for Claiborne County Sheriff Billy Wayne Smith; and

WHEREAS, beginning with his 1977 election to the Tazewell Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Doug Harbin served in various civic positions in Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Mr. Harbin served as City Recorder, City Judge, and City Administrator; and

WHEREAS, during his years of public service, Doug Harbin was instrumental in the establishment of the Tazewell Police Department, the construction of the city garage and city hall buildings, the construction of the Veterans and Emergency Personnel memorials at Rome Cardwell Park, the renovation and reconstruction of the Rose Gulf Station, and the acquisition and construction of the Tazewell Municipal Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harbin retired in June of 2007, after thirty years of dedicated service to the City of Tazewell; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-two years, Jean Harbin; and

WHEREAS, Doug Harbin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Doug Harbin, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living his life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Doug Harbin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.